



Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency
Board of Education · 33500 Van Born Road · Wayne, Michigan

**Board Study Session
November 12, 2024**

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

The Study Session of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Board of Education was called to order by President James on November 12, 2024 at 5:04 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Mary Blackmon, Danielle Funderburg (5:20 p.m. arrival), Lynda Jackson (5:25 p.m. arrival) and James Petrie

Absent: James Beri (excused)

Also present: Dr. Daveda Colbert, Beth Gonzalez, Drew McMechan

C. Approval of Agenda

Member Blackmon, supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the agenda be approved, as presented. On voice vote, motion carried 3-0.

D. Public Participation - None.

E. Budget Discussion: Organizational Financial Audit

Drew McMechan, Assistant Superintendent of Financial Services, reviewed the financial audit documents submitted by Plante Moran for Wayne RESA and the School District for the City of Inkster and addressed questions raised by the Board of Education from the review.

F. Superintendent Discussion Items

- Follow up to 2024 Wayne County Fall Data Review – Responses to Board questions regarding the Fall Data Review presented to the Board during the October 16, 2025 regular meeting were provided in writing. The responses were addressed by Dr. Colbert and Beth Gonzalez during the Study Session.
- Facilities Update – A facilities update on the Annex and Gilead property was provided to the Board in writing. There were no additional questions.

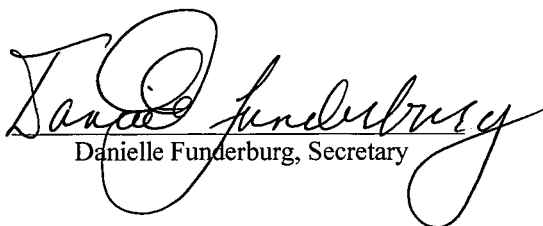
G. Board Comments

- Member Blackmon – MASB and WCASB should provide more support to local district boards of education to navigate upcoming legislation and assist with advocacy.
- Members discussed the political climate and the impact on education.

H. Adjournment

Member Jackson, supported by Member Funderburg, moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:26 p.m. On voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

Submitted by:


Danielle Funderburg, Secretary